



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1020

Senate, April 25, 2001

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FALSE STATEMENTS ON APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (NEW) Any quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120 of the
- 2 general statutes, may require any application, agreement, financial
- 3 statement, certificate or other writing submitted to such quasi-public
- 4 agency with respect to any loan, mortgage, guarantee, investment,
- 5 grant, lease, tax relief, bond financing or other extension of credit or
- 6 financial assistance made or provided by such quasi-public agency to
- 7 be signed under penalty of false statement as provided in section 53a-
- 8 157b of the general statutes.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Minimal Cost, Potential Minimal Revenue Gain

Affected Agencies: Various Criminal Justice Agencies

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The bill would result in minimal cost to criminal justice agencies that can be absorbed within existing resources depending on the extent to which offenses occur under the bill. The bill could also result in a minimal revenue gain (less than \$5,000) from fines.

The bill extends the penalty for false statement in the second degree to those who sign an application for financial assistance from quasi-public agencies. False statement in the second degree is punishable by up to one year in prison and up to a \$2,000 fine. During the year 2000, under current law, there were 210 offenses related to false statements in the 2nd degree with only one individual on average incarcerated during that time. A one-year period of incarceration costs \$30,400.¹ Revenue collected from the offenses totaled about \$3,400.

¹On average, including fringe benefits.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FALSE STATEMENTS
ON APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM QUASI-
PUBLIC AGENCIES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows quasi-public agencies to require anyone requesting financial assistance from them to sign the application or other document requesting assistance under the statutory penalty of false statement. The penalty is imprisonment for up to one year, a maximum \$2,000 fine, or both. A person is subject to the penalty if he:

1. intentionally makes a false statement under oath or on a form warning him that these statements are punishable,
2. intends the statement to mislead a public servant performing his duties, and
3. does not believe that the statement is true.

Quasi-public agencies can impose the requirement on people who complete any application, agreement, financial statement, certificate, or other document the agencies receive regarding loans, mortgages, guarantees, investments, grants, leases, tax relief, bond financing, or other types of credit or financial assistance they provide.

The bill applies to the following agencies: Connecticut Development Authority, Connecticut Innovations, Inc., Connecticut Housing Authority, Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority, Connecticut Hazardous Waste Management Service, Connecticut Coastline Port Authority, Capital City Economic Development Authority, and the Connecticut Lottery Corporation. The law already allows the Connecticut Housing Finance

Authority to impose the requirement with respect to any program the agency administers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 23 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 39 Nay 0